THE MYSORE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF 1916.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

LEGISLATION.

(Nos. 1—13.)

SUBJECT No. 1.

Election of members to the Legislative Council.

Messrs. Chikka Surappa, Narasimhayya and Ibrahimkhan, Sira Taluk and C. V. Ramachandra Rao, Chikmagalur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—One member may be allowed to be elected from each district to represent it in the Legislative Council instead of four members being elected from the Representative Assembly and four from groups of districts.

Mr. Chiksurappa.—The Representative Assembly members should elect one member for each district. At present there are three members for some districts and none for others.

Mr. Surasastri.—As only some of the members attend the Representative Assembly, the election may be held in the districts.

Mr. K. Ramanna.—Each district has its own interests and a representative is required to guard them. So one for each district is necessary. The members may be elected by the Representative Assembly.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—If the elections be held in the districts it will be a great incentive to those elected to properly represent the interests of their districts. So elections may be held in the districts, and not in the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Per contra.—In future each taluk may ask for a separate representative and the University may have to be given power to elect one member.

Messrs. Girimaji Rao, M. S. Ramachar, Thammayya and Hema Hanumanthayya were for having one member for each district to be elected in the districts.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The number of non-official members may be increased to 15 or 20 and if representation should be according to population each of the Mysore,

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Bangalore and Kolar districts may be given two members and the rest one.

Mr. Anantiah.—The existing arrangements require no change.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami.—The existing rules are defective. Some electors have greater privileges than the others, *e.g.*, the Members of the Mysore City Municipal Council and of the District Boards have a vote each and all the votes of Hassan district are together less than the votes of these two electorates in the Mysore district. Each district should therefore have one member.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 2.

Grant of certain powers to the Legislative Council.

Messrs. (1) and (2) B. Narasinga Rao and V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk and (1) K. Shankaranarayana Rao and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Legislative Council may, as in British India, be conceded the privilege of (1) moving resolutions on matters of public interest and (2) dividing the Council in the discussion of the State budget.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—Without these powers the object of interpellation and of the discussion of the budget will not be attained.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and *H. V. Rangaswami.*—The Representative Assembly being the larger body should get this power first and then, if necessary, the Legislative Council.

Mr. Venkatasamiah.—In the Legislative Council there is a large number of officials and it will be difficult to get a resolution passed, but in the Representative Assembly it is different. Therefore, the power should be granted to the Representative Assembly.

Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao.—The Representative Assembly has been exercising all the powers now in some way or other. The two bodies are working for the good of the public and there is no necessity for one being jealous of the powers of the other. The Legislative Council meets often. Moreover, without this power, the privilege of asking questions in the Legislative Council is useless. In British India this power is exercised by every Legislative Council.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and V. Raghavachar.—There is no Representative Assembly in British India. To have the same powers exercised by two different bodies might lead to conflict of views. What is required is that the Representative Assembly should grow into a body like the Parliament, and the Legislative Council a select Committee thereof.

Mr. Krishna Sastri.—As the Representative Assembly will sit twice a year hereafter it is a point for consi-